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For Twenty Years.

A Christmas Story.

It don't seem much of a story to tell, though it was a tough one to live. You see, it was more than twenty years ago that my twin brother and I sold out our homestead in New York, and went to seek our fortune. All the rest of the family were dead, and we two were the more attached to each other for that.

Well, we tried mining, and we tried trading, and we tried everything we could think of, but nothing seemed to prosper with us; we only grew poorer and poorer.

Finally, we thought of the idea of separating, so as to work two fields at once, before the last of our capital was gone. There was great talk just then of some new gold region, and we agreed that *one* of us should go there and try his luck, while the other stayed in San Francisco and carry on a little business we had started there.

Of course, everything was partnership. I never thought of an interest separate from his, and he, I knew, felt the same.

Well, the question arose which of us should go. It wasn't very tempting, the mining life, and neither of us was anxious for it, and so we drew lots to see who should go.

The lot fell to me.

There was another reason why I didn't want to go, besides the uncomfortable life, but I wouldn't tell Rob; for I wouldn't drive him off to the mines, and I knew his generous heart so well, that I was sure he would insist on going, if he were aware of all.

But—well, the truth is, in a word, I was in love and couldn't bear to leave my dainty Sasie to fight the world alone—she was a music teacher, poor thing!—nor for other fellows to fall in love with.

However, I submitted, of course, to the lot, and made my preparations to go. It was a sad heart that I bore around to Susie's rooms that night, and I couldn't bear to tell her; but, bless you! she no sooner saw my face than she knew something was coming, and she braced herself up to meet it before she asked me a question.—After we had spoken of the weather, and the book I had brought her the day before, at last she said, quietly:

"Well, Ralph, what is it? I know you have bad news for me."

"It's bad for me, Susie, and I'm afraid it will be bad for you; though you know—"

I couldn't go on, and she spoke again, brave as she always was:

"Ralph, you know I'm used to misfortunes. Tell me at once."

So I told her, and she bore it nobly—as I knew she would—though I was the only friend she had in San Francisco, except her pupils.

But I had thought of another plan to make my going a little easier. That was, to make her my wife before I left, so as to leave her in the care of Rob, and relieve her from the hard life she was living.

After some little persuasion, she consented to it.

So, a day or two afterward, we three—I had told Rob—went into a quiet church, and Susie was given to me to cherish and protect till death.

Brave little woman! how trustingly she gave me her heart, and how basely I failed her!—How ready I was to believe—"

But let me go back. I took her to our cozy boarding place, which was indeed a home to us, installed her as its mistress, made every provision that love could suggest for her comfort, enjoyed the bliss of a few hours' honeymoon, and then left her.

I needn't speak of that. It was hard, I tell you.

Ah, well! I'm an old man now—older by sorrow than by years; but I shall never forget the fresh, dainty look of my darling, as I left her on the steps that bitter day—a bride in the morning, a widow at night. And I never did forget it through all the black years, though it seemed as though the very memory of it would drive me mad.

Well, I went to the mines, and I tried faithfully, eagerly, for my heart was longing to get back to her. But I could not succeed. Mails were not then established, so I did not hear from my dear ones; but all the harder I toiled, for never a thought of doubt entered my mind.—I was only too glad to have my dear brother to care for her, and save her from all rough contact with the world.

Finding no luck in the mines, I determined to push on into the Indian country, and try a little hunting and trapping—for that was good business then. I succeeded a little better at that, but wandered on, and finally came out at Frazer river, where the gold excitement had broken out fiercely.

I don't know now whether it was months or years—days and weeks were alike to me for a long time—but at last I was successful, and got together five thousand dollars in the yellow dust. Of course, my only thought was of my wife, and I seized the first opportunity to send off the treasure.

A miner, going home, willingly took charge of my little pile, and soon I begun too look for letters.

Bob's I could easily imagine—noble, manly, like himself. Susie's I thought of, and tried to fancy, hundreds of times, for I'd never had a letter from her. I knew it would be delicate and dainty, and like my pretty snowdrop.

Well, well, fancies may do very well, but they won't feed a hungry heart.

Day after day passed by, and no letters.—My soul grew sick. I made all sorts of excuses for them. I imagined all sorts of delays. But the long, dreary days went by with leaden feet, and not a word came to the wanderer.

I grew morbid and bitter, and at last I wrote to an acquaintance in San Francisco, asking for tidings of my brother and wife.

The friend was not so neglectful as the wife and brother.

Soon—too soon—I got a reply. I can see it now, in letters of fire, in the following strain:

MY DEAR FELLOW:—I have made inquiries concerning your wife and brother, as requested. But the only information I can gain, is that they have disappeared from here a few months ago, telling no one whence they were going, but evidently having plenty of money."

What more the letter contained I never knew; that much of it was burned into my brain, and at that point I lost myself. They do say I was a raving maniac. Perhaps so; I do not really know.

I only know I found myself an old man, blasted before my time, like a tree struck by lightning.

Yet, I could not feel angry. How could I blame him? Was I not mad to leave him, with his loving heart, to care for a tender young beauty like my Susie? How could I help loving her? Wasn't she all that was lovely? He was not to blame, poor fellow.

And she? Did she not love me, and was he not my twin brother? What so strange that, seeing his love, she should grow to return it?

What should I do? Should I search them out and blast their lives forever? Should I come with my ignoble revenge and tear her from his arms? Would she love me for it? Should I get back my wife and brother?

Oh, no! I had been gone long enough to give her a divorce—she had undoubtedly got it, and was even now his wife. His wife! Oh, God, and I could live!

Weeks, months, years, dragged on. I scarcely know they passed. Mechanically, I worked on. Fortune, no longer sought, showered gold on me. I cared naught for it, but instinct prevented me from throwing it away. Gambling was utterly repugnant to me. No form of dissipation lured me. I was an old, old man at thirty. I only worked and thought, and lived over the old days—any one brief day of perfect joy.

I never cursed the. The hurt was too deep and too sharp for curses. From the depths of my torn heart I pitied them.

Well, twenty years rolled on, and I had get to be forty-five years old, feeling and looking more like sixty-five, bent and stiff and gray-haired.

One pleasant Christmas day, in my wanderings, I came on a traveling party of miners, bound to the gold regions. I joined them, frontier fashion, and was soon seated at their fire, exchanging news of the Indians and from the States. I chanced to mention my name.

"We've got a namesake of yours in camp," said one fellow.

"Have you?" I said carelessly. "It isn't a common name."

"No; and that's why it's odd," said he. "Besides, you somehow remind me of him, though you're much older than he. By-the-way, there he comes!"

I turned—something, I knew not what, shot through me; I rose, and knew my brother.

My heart gave one great bound. I forgot my wrongs, I saw only my dear other self, the companion of my boy-hood. I sprung forward.

"Robert! dear old boy! is it you?"

He looked at me eagerly—incredulously.

"Ralph! it can't be you!"

"It is!" I cried, and—well, I don't know as I'm ashamed of it—I embraced him like a schoolgirl, and wept.

And so did he, poor fellow, though he could hardly believe the wrecked old man was his brother.

But what struck me, even then, as strange, he did not shrink from me, nor act as though he had injured me.

"Robert," I said, when we were alone, and calmer, "I've forgiven you long ago. We won't speak of the past—let me only be happy in the bliss of seeing you once more. I'll never come around to trouble you."

"Forgive me?" he said, inquiringly. "I don't understand. You'll never trouble me—and we'll not speak of the past? Why didn't you write to us, Ralph? Your poor little wife—"

"Don't speak of her!" I cried, in sudden agony. "I can bear anything else—spare me that!"

"But Ralph, there's something very strange here. Why didn't you let us hear from you? Why can't I speak of her? Since you are not dead—as we supposed—why did you desert her?"

"Desert her! My God!" and I fairly laughed.

A horrible laugh, I dare say, for Robert turned pale. I could see he thought I was mad.—I resolved to control myself, and since we must have it out, talk it over. So, after a turn or two, I came back, and stood by him once more.

"Now, Robert, if there is any mistake here, let us understand it at once. I left you twenty year ago, in charge of my wife, in San Francisco—"

"You did, and I—"

"And you," I interrupted, "took good care of her, and did not hear from me; and she grew tired of waiting, and loving a shadow; and you—and you—loved her!"

"Hold!" he shouted, his eyes blazing. "Who told you that infamous lie?"

"And she," I went on, not heeding him—"she grew faint and tired; and she saw your love, and she—returned it."

Robert seized my arm as though he would murder me; but I went on, cooly:

"Hush, till I have done. When you received the money I sent, you were too far gone to go back. She got a divorce; and you married her, and left the city. I don't blame you."

"And you! you've believed this thing for twenty years?" he said, calmly now, though it was the calmness of a smothered volcano.

"I have."

"You have for twenty long years believed that your brother were infamously false to you?"

"I have."

"Then hear me, Ralph, while I swear"—and his form seemed to fairly dilate, and grow grand, as he said—"solemnly, that the whole story is a most infamous falsehood! That your wife is as true to you today as she was the day you left her, twenty years ago!"

"What do you mean?" I cried frantically, overwhelmed by his manner and his words.

"What I do say, Ralph. Oh, there has been some damnable mistak! Hear my story. After you left us, I struggled on with the business, though not succeeding very well. Susie drooped at first, but soon grew cheerful, and begun to plan for your return."

His words brought the dear little creature so plainly before my eyes, that I sunk to the ground and covered my face.

"As weeks and months and years passed on," he went on, slowly, "her cheeks grew thin and pale, and a hungry look came into her eyes.—I saw she was pining, and wrote letter after letter to you, but no word could we hear. There came to me in a simple envelope, directed to both of us, a draft of five thousand dollars, with not a word to tell how or from whom it came. Of course we knew it was from you, but whether gift or legacy, who could tell?

"We instituted new inquiries. Nothing that love could suggest was left undone. At last we were forced to conclude that you were dead.—By my advice the money was invested in a farm some distance from San Francisco, and Susie went to live on it, while I started out on a sort of vagabond, wandering life, in hopes at least to find your grave—for we never believed you could be alive these long years, and never let us hear from you. That life I have lived for fifteen years, returning once in three or four years to see to the comfort of Susie; and now I find you—"

"You find me," I interrupted, "a wreck—a miserable wreck, who has blasted three lives by his criminal weakness, his childish credulity in believing evil, and who will soon rid the earth of his presence," and I started to go, for verily despair had seized upon me.

That I should have believed that horror for so many years, and find it all a stupid mistake, that I should have thrown away my life, the blessed love of my true wife, the warm affection of my brother, for an idle scandal! It was too much to endure.

Robert laid a detaining hand on my arm.

"But Susie, Ralph! what shall I say to the loving little woman who has suffered so much for you?"

"Let her still believe me dead," I said, gloomily.

"Nay, brother; let me rather restore you to her. Ralph, go home, and let us be so happy together as to partly make up for these years of mistakes and error and grief."

Well, he persuaded me, and soon I was eager enough, myself. Now the gold I had despised was valuable, as it could add to Susie's comfort. I gathered it up and we started for home.

Home! I had not spoken the word in fifteen years.

As we went, Robert tried to prepare me for a change in Susie.

"She has had a life of sorrow as well as you, Ralph, and you must remember she isn't the girl of eighteen you left. She is nearly forty years old.

As I drew near, I seemed to grow young again, and I wanted to rush through without stopping a moment. But Robert refused; and he wanted to get me into civilized clothes, and under the hands of a barber. He wouldn't take such a wild man of the woods home to the little, waiting wife.

So we stopped a few hours in San Francisco. I had my long white hair and beard trimmed, and my dress arranged to suit Robert, and hastened on toward home.

As we approached the blessed spot where my darling lived, I could scarcely breathe, and I dreaded to frighten her to death. In sight of the house, I sent Robert ahead to tell her, and basely hid in the shrubbery, where I could look into the window.

There she was! the same dainty figure—the same lovely face; but dressed, oh, my God! in widow's weeds, and her bonny brown hair thickly sprinkled with silver.

I saw her rapid, eager conversation. I saw the color come quickly to her face, then leave it as pale as death. I saw her turn to the door, and fly. And I sprang to meet her and—and—

Well, I can't tell about that.

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On hearing her story, I found that Robert had left out the tale of his own griefs. That he had warmly loved a gentle girl, but never let her know it; had sacrificed his own happiness to spend his life seeking me, and caring for my wife; that she had married another, and Robert was forced to see her the very unhappy wife of a poor, miserable wretch.

And what said the little woman, when she knew that I had stayed away all these long years, had blasted her life, disappointed my brother's life love, made deep misery for four, by my stupid belief of gossip that, even to hear repeated, she shrunk from as though it would wither her? I always knew she was an angel. She said, though with quivering lips and tearful eyes:

"Dear Ralph, let us speak of it never again. It was a terrible mistake. Let us be happy in the years we have yet to live, and leave it to another life to adjust the errors of this."

One Cow a Mine of Wealth.

The history of the short horn cow, Duchess 66th, which was sold in 1863, at Earl Ducie's sale in England, to Colonel Morris, of Fordham, for 700 guineas, or $3,675, is remarkable, as showing the actual value of one good breeding animal. From this cow, which was calved in November, 1858, there may be traced in direct descent a number of animals which have sold for about $500,000. Let it be admitted that as much of this value as may be is depending on fancy or rich breeders, and is not the intrinsic value of the beef and milk produced; yet no one can help admitting that an immense value, estimated in these alone, has accrued to the world from this cow; and in proportion to this value may be estimated the profit to a breeder from any superior animal he may produce. A line of breeding animals is brought into existence which spreads out fan-like, and diverges year by year wider and wider, until we can no longer reach the bounds of the beneficial influence. It is in this that lies the value of any good animal, and it is an unfair disparagement to confine its value to the weight of meat upon its caress, or its produce in milk and butter. The breeder who produces a superior animal sets in motion an impulse which must, in time, spread and increase enormously, and far beyond computation.—*American Agriculturist.*

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A NORSE CHRISTMAS.

BY M. B. WINSLOW.

Far up in the country where the north wind holds carnival nearly all the year, where the *neck* (water-sprite) sits on the rocks and wails out his doubts about his salvation; where the stromkarl laments the icy fetters which bind up the streams and thus interferes with the music lessons he is good-naturedly ready to give to mortals; where Gurn, the giantess, sobs and sighs over the husband turned to stone on Christmas eve, which stupid mortals think is the wind drawing through the fir tree and the roaring and fretting of the sea, and where the winter sun only peeps out for an hour or two every day, just to see how the world is getting along without him—stood the maiden stream looking earnestly toward the South. A dreary prospect lay before her. In the far distance the trackless forests of spruce and fir; and between snow, snow, nothing but snow—pure, fair, glittering and untrodden,—a great icy barrier between her home and the outer world, a fair, mocking mask that hid all the darkness beneath it, and held every beautiful thing in its grasp of death, or at least so it seemed to the untutored young heart which had not yet learned experimentally the faith that sees warm mother-love underneath the embrace af the cold snow.

The maiden's could not but be rosy, her eyes could not but be blue, and the few locks which strayed from under her close *coiffure* could not be other than the pale, flaxen gold, sacred to the œser; but there was a shadow on the fair brow, a wistful, far-off look in the blue eyes, and something like tears had frozen into bright crystals on the long eye-lashes, upraised to follow the circling flight of the birds overhead.

'Not yet,' she thought, 'not yet. He promised to spend the Uule-tide in his home, but he has not come yet. Who knows but the treacherous streams at the south have given way, and the *fosse-grims* (water-fall sprites) have drawn him into their ice-cold caverns? Who knows but his horse has taken fright and dashed his slender sledge to pieces? Who knows but that he lies buried beneath the treacherous snow?—Oh, little birdies, free to go whither ye will, had I but the power to understand your language which the bonder of King Olaf had, I would send ye out to seek for my Olaf, and came back and tell me where he is, and wherefore he cometh not; I would make you the bearers of many a message of greeting, and I would have you tell Olaf to hasten to his Alenna's cottage-home. You would be pitiful and gentle, birdies; for are there not among you the swallow who perched upon the Cross and cried sorrowfully: "Console, console, console Him," and the turtle-dove who said: "Kurrie, Kurrie, Kurrie" (Lord,) when no eye pitied and no man adored. But perhaps you would not find him; who knows; who knows?" And as though she had somehow learned the bonder's secret, the birds fluttered down close to the maiden's cheek, and a voice seemed to whisper in her heart: "God knows, He knew where the manger was at Bethlehem; He guided thither the feet of the Eastern sage; He led the cohorts of announcing angels; trust Him with all your interests on Christmas Day."

"Runa! Runa!" called several voices from the little redhouse with its white window frames, "come and help, the sun is setting, and there's much to do."

It was a poor, bare little home into which the maiden entered. No superfluities of life fall to the lot of the Norwegian *bonders* (peasants.)—Round the stove stood heavy benches with curiously carved backs, against one wall several beds were fixed like the berths of a ship, and the space between was filled by a chest which held the holiday wardrobe of the family; opposite stood an immense dresser, and shelves round the room held cheeses, cakes of *flad brod* (the ordinary dark bread, baked on a griddle once a year), and strips of rein-deer-meat. At the broad open oven door stood the mother in her short stuff gown, slipping in the white loaves of various fantastic shapes, tasted only on the one great Yule festival. Takla, the next sister, was carefully measuring flour for the *skoper* (zwiebach), while little Thusnelda stood at the chopping-board preparing the codfish which, with Viter Grot, (white gruel) made of rice, meal, milk, sugar and cinnamon, constituted the canonical Christmas dinner. Alenna's sentiment did not interfere with her housewifery, and soon her bare arms were plunged into flour many shades darker than themselves, while her hard wooden shoes whisked her short, red petticoat about the kitchen, and her fresh young voice broke forth at intervals in snatches of Scandinavian hymns and chants.

Suddenly the door burst open, and in rushed a group of three merry boys, shaking the snow from their shoes, and depositing in a big pile on the floor great piles of corn, wheat and barley, which had been left unthreshed for this very purpose.

"I thought Loki and his trolls would have had me," said Galmar, "and so they would, but that the birds knew what I was about and flapped and fluttered so with their wings, and shrieked and cawed so that the daimons were frightened and retreated to their caves. If they had come on I should not have had much help from Hilmer here, he was looking off at the sunset and dreaming away as usual."

"I thought I saw," said Hilmer, and then blushed and paused.

"Saw what, my son?" said the pale, sickly father looking up from his book in the corner.

"I thought," said Hilmer, thus encouraged, "that I saw the end of the rainbow bridge, and I wondered if Asgard really did lie over beyond the sunset, and if we could ever cross should our shoes be clean enough as the old Saga tells us. And then I thought how sad it was that they should have killed Balder the beautiful, and that everything should grow ugly and poor-like,—like this house," said the boy, with sobs in his voice.

"Come here, my poet-boy," said his father.—"Balder the beautiful was but the reflection sent long beforehand into the minds of the old Northmen, of the glorious Lord Jesus, whose birthday we celebrate at Yule. True, he was crucified and slain by evil devices, but he rose again to build the rainbow bridge over which our purified feet may indeed some day walk to Asgurd, which lies farther and yet nearer than the setting sun; and you know He is born again every Christmas morning in the hearts of those who build him a nest of loving thoughts and kindly desires. When the Christmas sun rises on your life, Hilmer, nothing will seem ugly or poor on which it shines; and Galmar, all the evil trolls, the giants, the fairies with their clay-colored faces, birds, bills, owls, eyes, misshapen figures, even the nis's (house-spirits) will always flee away from those who, by deeds of kindness and mercy, are following in the footsteps of the gentle Conqueror."

"It's quite dark," shouted Gestaff, from the door where he had been taking an observation; "I can see the stars quite clearly, it must be four o'clock, and the birds have all gone to bed long ago. Its time we were at work."

Soon all the village, wrapped up in woollens and furs, was out in the still frosty air. Big and little, old men and maidens, little children carrying sheaves of wheat, schocks of corn, ladders, ropes and lights. The boys climbed to the roofs of barns, the gables of houses, and finally to the church spire itself, and everywhere they bound the sheaves of the harvest home kept to celebrate Christmas. The girls handed up the bundles, the strings and the nails, and held up the lights, singing the meanwhile quaint old carols of the peace and good will that came to earth with the Christmas-tide.

When all was finished, they went home and followed the example of the birds by going to bed, and if thoughts of Olaff and his unaccountable absence did keep Alenna awake far into the night, perhaps to her as so many other watchers, came in consequence the soothing echoes of the Bethlehem Christmas hymn.—'Get up,' shouted a little voice in the darkness, 'get up, I'm sure I heard the door open,' and sure enough, there lay on the floor some trifling Christmas gifts for the little one of the flock.—And so the fun went on for hours, every now and then a hand and arm would be thrust thro' the open door, a mysterious parcel dropped with a label on it, which, being deciphered by the light of the great Yule log kindled over night, proved it to be a Christmast gift for some member of the family, from an unknown donor, who escaped at once into the outer darkness and the snow. Very simple were the gifts; carved toys made of native pine and fir, knitted woolen stockings and mittens, whips, birch-bark canoes, bird cages, nets, a few books, and the like, but all were warm with the love which sent them; and the fun was the guessing from whom they came—an amusement finally stopped by the mother's call to prepare for church. It may be that Alenna's heart was not keeping a very 'Merry Christmas,' as she walked towards the church in the chill morning starlight, and that a Lenten minor mingled with the gladness of her Christmas hymns. For, among the little gifts marked in her name that morning, that one was not which she would have recognized under any assumed handwriting, and which would have been sure to be the thing of all others to meet her present need and taste.—But it is always 'darkest just before dawn,' and 'joy cometh with the morning.' The sunshine was close at hand, the stars were fading, a faint purple streak appeared in the East, as sleigh-bells tinkled outside of the edurch, and Olaff knelt at the Christmas Festival by the side of his betrothed.

The long service was over, the congregation, which comprised almost every living soul in the village, began to pour out of the church door, the holiday attire contrasting gaily with the pure snow; the clock in the steeple struck ten, and then it was seen that every roof, every pole, every spire, was alive with a fluttering population busily picking the wheat, barley and corn from their encompassing sheaves.

"Some beings are happy to-day, if there are cares and sorrows on the earth," said the pale invalid father, who felt that perhaps he had made his last earthly pilgrimage when he went to church that morning. "The birds who are such a trouble to us in the harvest time, seem like the cares of this life, which often choke up our prospects; but let them alone and our Heavenly Father will take care of them, for not a sparrow falls to the ground without his notice."

"No," said Olaff, 'they seem like the black trolls, whom Loki sends to fight against all that Blader is striving to build up; but if we keep straight forward in the path of duty, doing the work God has set us, not turning aside from fear and weariness, nor even to please those we love best, the Christmas magic will change them into white-robed angels seen clear against the darkest midnight sky."

Alenna said nothing, but she thought. The birds seemed like prosaic, every-day duties, but God sometimes sends them with messages of hope and comfort to those who trust in him.—And so they all talded of the birds. One told of the glacier-birds supposed to be the unquiet spirit of the selfish men and women buried below. Another spoke of 'Gertrude's bird," turned into a woodpecker as punishment for refusing to give her largest and lightest cake to our Lord; and still another told of the *tyit* who stole the scissors belonging to the Virgin Mary. But Olaff preferred more sensible conversation, and he told of his city life, with its cares and responsibilities, its ministry to the suffering in which the maiden at his side was soon to share, till Alenna felt as though the chimes, still pealing from the church, were wedding-bells, and that Christmas morning was shedding its benediction on her future life; and Hilmer the poet said: "Cousin Olaff, I think the birds are most like the poor and sick, the starving and prisoners whom you visit, and of whom our Saviour said: 'Inasmuch as ye did it to the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto Me.''

And then there was a sudden flush of light, and the great red sun appeared above the eastern mountains, while the snow blushed crimson, and the house-roofs were all tipped with gold, and all at once the fluttering ceased among the wheat and corn, and from thousands of little bird-throats poured for a glorious Christmas carol of praise. 'The angels themselves did not sing more beautiful than that,' said Hilmer, while all the glad children clapped their hands and shouted, and the maidens broke out into the song so recently sung in the church: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will towards men.'

'The two parts of that song cannot be separated,' said the old father; 'we have no right to sing it, nor can we call forth the true Christmas *Gloria*, till we have done something, each in our own measure, to show our good will towards the creatures God had made. Then, indeed, though our cottage may be plain and homely, Hilmer; though our hopes may be longed-deferred, Alenna; though our Christmas-fare be only viter brod and codfish, we shall gladly obey the mandate:

"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord."

The Great West in Council.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 13.—The Democratic State Central Committee met pursuant to the request of the Democratic electors to consider the political situation. A number of prominent politicians, including Gov. Hendricks and State officers, are present in addition to representatives from each Congressional district.

Ex-Congressman Julian, who has been to Louisiana, being called upon, gave his opinion that the elections in that State had been quiet and peaceable, as in Indiana, and Tilden had carried the State overwhelmingly. He hoped the Democracy would have pluck enough to stand up for their rights and meet the crisis now. He was satisfied that we shall have no war.

Gov. Hendricks was called on for his views but the chairman reminded the meeting of the impropriety of one so personally interested speaking at this time.

Reports from all congressional districts were made by representatives present, stating that Democrats of the districts were convened, that Tilden had been legally elected, and demanded his inauguration.

A resolution was adopted calling a convention of the people, regardless of past political opinions, at each county seat on December 23d, to select and instruct delegates to assemble in State Convention at Indianapolis on January 8th to consider public affairs, and take such action as will secure the full execution of the Constitution and laws. A committee is being appointed to prepare an address to the people

A wealthy man died suddenly without leaving any will. The widow desirous of securing the whole of the property, concealed her husband's death, and persuaded a poor shoemaker to take his place, Acordingly he was closely muffled in bed, as if very sick, and a lawyer was called in to write the will. The shoemaker, in feeble voice, bequeathed half of all the property to the widow. "What shall be done with the remainder?' asked the lawyer. 'The remainder,' replied he, "I bequeath to the poor little shoe-maker across the street, who has been a good neighbor and a deserving man."

Official Vote for Governor.

Counties	1872		1876	
	Caldwell.	Merriman.	Vance.	Settle.
Alamance	1,015	1,270	1,350	1,183
Alexander	389	545	808	352
Alleghany	184	339	513	154
Anson	1,019	1,191	1,585	1,307
Ashe	761	752	1,067	875
Beaufort	1,565	1,331	1,680	1,551
Bertie	1,514	949	1,120	1,660
Bladen	1,448	1,207	1,393	1,390
Brunswick	708	711	1006	1,040
Buncombe	1,114	1,538	1,965	1,185
Burke	683	852	1,195	620
Cabarrus	811	1,161	1,629	924
Caldwell	332	829	1,172	289
Camden	551	562	678	553
Carteret	739	1,062	1,147	703
Caswell	1,456	1,415	1,462	1,628
Catawba	426	1,261	1,869	448
Chatham	1,683	1,774	2,079	1,902
Cherokee	433	486	666	557
Chowan	342	576	620	805
Clay	142	252	312	180
Cleaveland	547	1,099	1,755	526
Columbus	639	1,021	1,433	767
Craven	2,708	1,146	1,280	2,867
Cumberland	1,883	1,890	2,179	2,132
Currituck	349	768	974	391
Davidson	1,516	1,381	1,714	1,858
Davie	662	826	1,011	708
Duplin	1,032	1,750	2,194	1,244
Dare	270	232	305	250
Edgecombe	3,452	1,474	1,651	3,849
Forsyth	1,115	1,033	1,454	1,540
Franklin	1,560	1,475	1,865	1,916
Gaston	688	928	1,235	814
Gates	514	727	940	499
Granville	2,655	1,976	2,134	2,411
Greene	947	783	885	1,973
Guilford	1,831	1,849	2,264	1,505
Graham*				
Halifax	3,640	1,667	1,681	3,208
Harnett	695	795	1,050	749
Haywood	420	740	960	430
Henderson	716	505	710	775
Hertford	983	874	1,008	1,005
Hyde	910	816	938	665
Iredell	994	1,738	2,356	1,239
Jackson	166	564	628	288
Johnston	1,374	1,481	2,050	1,751
Jones	639	559	599	802
Lenoir	1,270	941	1,217	1,494
Lincoln	906	903	1,125	643
Macon	130	655	747	295
Madison	641	635	856	812
Martin	1,018	1,035	1,316	1,149
McDowell	519	706	950	542
Mecklenburg	2,261	2,511	3,428	2,588
Mitchell	628	193	559	733
Montgomery	653	475	634	759
Moore	881	1,035	1,347	1,202
Nash	1,293	1,284	1,686	1,352
New Hanover	3,614	2,261	1,622	2,988
Northampton	1,990	1,095	1,422	2,176
Onslow	492	892	1,508	547
Orange	1,321	1,945	2,410	1,675
Pasquotank	1,053	657	847	1,220
Pender			1,166	1,252
Perquimans	910	642	824	1,016
Person	819	1,101	1,191	991
Pitt	1,775	1,782	2,125	1,894
Polk	342	224	416	341
Pamlico	358	446	742	516
Randolph	1,389	1,364	1,699	1,569
Richmond	1,304	1,016	1,343	1,486
Robeson	1,583	1,631	2,096	1,755
Rockingham	1,301	1,653	2,100	1,521
Rowan	1,118	1,656	2,163	1,250
Rutherford	1,013	727	1,231	1,143
Sampson	1,434	1,697	2,071	1,669
Stanley	336	646	953	472
Stokes	830	905	1,129	1,016
Surry	838	989	1,286	1,042
Swain	29	332	370	56
Transylvania	206	379	437	259
Tyrrell	343	391	546	251
Union	647	1,023	1,564	735
Wake	3,843	3,269	4,192	4,467
Warren	2,380	1,107	1,315	2,465
Washington	918	492	676	1,005
Watauga	553	435	676	301
Wayne	1,949	1,749	2,248	2,205
Wilkes	1,294	1,034	1,284	1,499
Wilson	1,152	1,319	1,774	1,159
Yadkin	866	759	849	1,112
Yancey	372	503	742	349
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* Graham votes with Cherokee.

The People's Press.

SALEM, N. C.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1876.

Close of the Volume.

This number closes the twenty-fourth volume of the PRESS.

We tender our sincere thanks to those of our friends who have encouraged us, as well as those who favored us with communications and local items, which added much to the interest of our columns, hoping they may continue their favors, and that others may feel inclined to do likewise.

Our patrons have our best wishes for their future prosperity, especially those who have promptly paid their dues, hoping their good example may be followed by the delinquents yet on our books. It is not a very pleasant task to labor without pay, and the present time is very appropriate to square accounts.

The future of the *Press* may be judged by the past, and we shall continue to do our best to give our subscribers an interesting paper.

In these exciting times, we will devote a large portion of our columns to the current news of the day, hoping that wise counsels will ultimately prevail and the ship of State steer clear of the dangerous breakers ahead, and safely anchor in a peaceful haven, securing happiness and prosperity to the whole country.

The Holidays.

The weather has been very disagreeable during the Christmas Holidays. Cold, dry weather, followed by sleet, winding up with the heaviest snow fall for many years. Locomotion was very precarious, so much so that pedestrians avoided the pavements as much as possible, preferring the streets. Nevertheless, our citizens enjoyed a merry Christmas, reminding the older members of the families of the snow and ice-bound holidays of yore.

We cordially tender our readers the compliments of the season with a happy ushering in of the New Year, though the following prophecy, copied from the London *Times*, may not be very flattering:

"Christmas day fell on a Monday this year. It fell on a Monday also in 1865, and on that occasion the following was unearthed from, it was stated, the Harleian MSS., No. 2,252, folio 153-4:

If Christmas day on Monday be,
A great winter that year you'll see,
And full of winds both loud and shrill;
But in summer truth to tell,
High winds there shall be, and strong,
Full of tempests lasting long;
While battles they shall multiply,
They that be born that day, I ween,
They shall be strong each one and keen;
He shall be found that stealeth aught;
Though thou be sick, thou diest not.

"The year 1866 was the year of the Austro-Prussian war, a year of disastrous gales, and a year of cattle-plague. Again in 1871 Christmas day fell on a Monday. The twelvemonth from that day saw us with cattle-plague in the North and some great storms; but as to "battles" we must go back a few months in 1871 for the capitulation of Paris and the conflict with the Commune. We have had now a Monday Christmas for the third time within a dozen years."

Judge Fowle on the Presidential Problem.

The fast train yesterday morning brought to this town Judge Fowle of Raleigh, on his way home from Washington, where he had been summoned by a Senate Committee to be interviewed touching the reported ineligibility of Mr. Glenn, one of the Tilden electors from this State. It seems, however, that Chandler, Morton & Co., had become thoroughly satisfied that there was no foundation for the report, and the subject had been dismissed long before the Judge arrived at Washington.

Judge Fowle is of the opinion that our prospects have brightened very much within the past week, and that, indeed, Gov. Tilden's prospects improve with each day. He relates conversations which he had with a number of leading Democratic and Republican Congressmen and others of prominence, and comes to the conclusion that the reports from the several Congressional Committees now in the three disputed States will quietly settle the matter.

Our Democratic friends in Washington he represents to be very hopeful that Tilden and Hendricks will both be inaugurated. They are in no mood to surrender the honestly gained victory, yet counsel nothing like revolutionary measures. They believe that Tilden and Hendricks have been fairly and legally elected by much more than the necessary majority in the electoral college, and will use all available Constitutional means to secure them the possession of the offices.

The Democrats feel confident that the result of the investigations now going on in Louisiana and Florida will give both these States to Tilden and Hendricks on the final count. The manly letter from Gen. Francis C. Barlow, one of the most thoroughgoing of the Republicans sent down to inspect the result in Florida, leaves no doubt that the Tilden electors were lawfully chosen in that State. The letter has encouraged the Democrats, while the Republicans feel correspondingly despondent. Judge Fowle thinks that if the result of the investigating Committees shall demonstrate the alleged frauds on the part of the Returning Boards, many of the more honest Republicans would join the Democrats in declaring Tilden elected.—He thinks there are more independent thinkers on the Republican side than would be imagined.

CONGRESS.—Joint Committees of Investigation have been appointed by the two Houses of Congress.

Vice-President Ferry will receive, but will not receipt for Electoral votes from the doubtful States.

Bottom Facts.

The Congressional committees are hard at work in the three contested States and thus far with marked success in getting at the manifold frauds there committed.

In Florida they have found not only where Democratic votes were thrown out but where Radical votes were slipped in the ballot-box and the registration books altered so as to account for the increased number of votes. Seventy-two of these votes were found in one box in Leon county.

In South Carolina it has been discovered that thirty-two polls were made way with that would give the State to Tilden by a large majority. Even the Radical Secretary of State, a negro named Hayne, certifies to the correctness of returns that show that Hampton received 92,261 votes and that Chamberlain received only 91,127 votes.

In Louisiana, in spite of all the obstacles thrown in the way of the committee, the progress is equally satisfactory. One of the Radical candidates for the Legislature refuses to take the certificate of the Returning Board on the ground that he was fairly and honestly beaten. The mode in which the returns were tampered with has been exposed, and before they have finished they will compel the disclosure of the action of Mr. Wells and his Returning Board in secret session, by which 13,282 Democratic votes were thrown out.

The result of the whole matter will be to show to every fair-minded man in the country no matter what may be the color of his skin or of his politics, that Mr. Tilden was honestly elected.—*Raleigh Observer.*

FLORIDA.—It appears that the prospect for the Conservative party in Florida is brightening. It is stated that Tilden gets four votes in this State, and the Conservative State officers and members of Congress are elected.

LOUISIANA.—Eighty-two thousand citizens of Louisiana voted for Tilden and seventy-three thousand voted for Hayes. This was the naked fact before the Returning Board. They stared the fact in the face for a month, and under imperative orders from Washington they finally, in secret session, threw out eighteen or twenty thousand Democratic votes and declared that the State had gone for Hayes.

A PERTINENT QUESTION.—In the Senate last Thursday, whilst Senator Sherman was speaking acrimoniously about the Southern whites "intimidating" the blacks, Senator Withers, of Virginia, asked:

"If the Senator (Mr. Sherman) could explain how it was that negroes could be prevented from voting on account of fear of bodily harm, and yet these same negroes had no fear of putting themselves on record by making affidavits against the whites? The senators on the other side seem to think that where a majority of the population consisted of negroes the Republican ticket must have a majority. According to that argument there was no use in having an election; the consus returns would do just as well."

The Ohio Senator made no satisfactory explanation. He could make none.

The South Carolina muddle has changed but little. The Hampton Legislature, a majority of both branches being present, elected Gen. M. C. Butler to the U. S. Senate in place of Mr. Robertson, the present incumbent. The Chamberlain Legislature, after passing bills to punish sedition and treason and to levy a tax of $2,000,000, adjourned. The New York *Herald* reports the Hampton government as growing stronger every day. It also states that Chamberlain grows weaker, and that if the U. S. troops were withdrawn his government would at once fall in pieces.

According to the New York *Herald*, the feeling in Washington is more hopeful in reference to the Presidential election.—The impression grows stronger that moderate and wise counsels will prevail and that a settlement will be adopted which shall be in harmony with the spirit as well as the letter of the law, and satisfactory to the whole country.

Florida for Tilden.

DECISION OF THE SUPREME COURT.

TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 22.—The Supreme Court sustains the Drew demurrer to the answer to the Canvassing Board, and grants a preremptory order to the Board to recanvass from the face of the returns.—This gives the State to Tilden by a small majority, and of course elects the balance of the Democratic ticket, including both Congressmen. The Democrats are quietly but heartily enjoying their victory.

The counsel of the Board gave notice of a motion to answer.

More Shielding of Corruption.

The Western Union Telegraph Company Orders the Destruction of Original Papers—Orton at Work for Hayes and Chandler.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The *Tribune* publishes, in substance, the following:

"A special meeting of the directors of the Western Union Telegraph Co., unanimously adopted resolutions authorizing the President to make all proper resistance to the demand of Congress, or its committees, for the private and confidential papers, also giving the managers of the Company power, and directing them to destroy original copies as soon as possible after auditing accounts." The *Tribune* adds: "Some time ago the managers were ordered to destroy the originals after six months instead of two years. This term may be reduced to four months or, if necessary, from ninety to sixty days.

EDUCATIONAL.—The school population of Virginia, between five and twenty-one years of age is, white, 280,149; colored, 205,640—total, 482,789. Out of this number there are enrolled, white, 137,678; colored, 62,178—total, 196,856. Out of this last number the daily average attendance is, white, 80,521; colored, 34,722—total average attendance, 115,243. Number of teachers, white, 3,984; colored, 636. Average number of months taught 5.6. Cost per month to each pupil, $1.52. Average monthly salary to male teachers $34,95; to females $30.87. Total expenses of the public schools for all purposes $1,968,679.56.—*Lynchburg News*

Presidential Situation.

A MORE HOPEFUL OUTLOOK.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—Noon.—The Judiciary Committee of the House considered petitions for the removal of political disabilities with the view of presenting another omnibus bill. The committee had no official information of the declaration by the Louisiana Committee that the members of the Returning Board of that State were held in contempt.

Foreign relations were discussed, and the Venezuela fraud, in which Orth, of Indiana, is involved, but had no witnesses.

The election Committee will not meet until after the return of the investigating committees. Though there is no quorum present, the Republicans are in a temporary majority. Public opinion is hardening that the election will be thrown into the House and Senate, with Tilden and Wheeler for President and Vice-President, but there is a good chance for Hendrick's in case it can be clearly shown to more Conservative Republican Senators that he is elected.

The Democrats, however, are determined to struggle to the end for Tilden and Hendricks, on a count of the electoral votes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—It is stated that Mr. Ferry will receive, but not receipt for returns from Louisiana, South Carolina, Florida or Oregon, as the messengers could go to the Treasury Department and get money. All parties must wait till Congress decides which bears the proper paper. Mr. Ferry received the vote of Democratic Electors to-day, but refused to receipt. He will treat the Republican messengers from Florida in the same manner.

Florida.

The Supreme Court's Decision—The State Given to Tilden.

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The court adjorned to 9 A. M., to-morrow, and announced its determination to adjourn *sine die* to-morrow.

South Carolina.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 22.—The State Senate and Republican House adjourned *sine die* this evening. The Democratic House is in secret session. Their course is not known. The Congressional committee is still active tabulating corrected election returns. The result will not likely be reached for several days.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 22.—The congressional sub-committee of the House are here taking testimony regarding intimidation in the coast counties.

The Washington Light Infantry, who visited Bunker Hill last June and were so hospitally received, welcomed Gen. N. P. Banks at their meeting this evening. Banks' remarks were heartily applauded, and cheers given for Boston.

POSITION OF STEPHENS AND HILL.—Representative Stephens, of Georgia, under his own signature, says the statement going the rounds that he is advising a "friendly acceptance" by the people of the South of the inauguration of Hayes is utterly unfounded.

Ben Hill explains his position thus: As a Democrat he hopes the result will be the election of Mr. Tilden, but as a Representative he shall act honestly and conscientiously and abide the consequences. He simply wants to remove from Gen. Grant all pretext or occasion for the use of force. He wants the Northern mind to rest under the firm conviction that the South is not going to get up another rebellion.

REPUBLICAN FRAUDS PROVED.—A dispatch from Tallahassie, Florida, to the New York *Herald*, says the Investigating Committee of the House of Representatives has made a clear case of fraud in the canvass of precinct No. 13, Leon county. Mr. Hopkins, Democrat, of Pennsylvania, said: "It is so complete a case that Mr. Dunnell (Republican) abandoned it after the first witness was heard. He never asked another question or put in another witness. He will concur with us in our report on this case. He told a friend to-day that it was a piece of transparent fraud." The *Herald* correspondent asked Mr. Dunnell his opinion of this case. He laughed and said, "Why, there can be only one opinion on that." He pronounced it a fraud. One hundred and seventy-six Republican votes are involved in this precinct. The Board canvassed it without discussion.

HOW FLORIDA IS TAXED.—Hon. Mr. Saltonstall addressing the people of Boston on his return from Florida, tells of taxation there. The government, he says, has been so infamous, in every respect, that the value of the property of the State was taxed three or four times since 1860 without making any exception of the property in slaves. I refer to valuation of real estate and personal property. Notwithstanding this the taxation has been quadrupled; aye in many cases made six or eight times greater, and the taxation of Florida to-day is far larger than its annual produce of crops. In other words this rich, magnificent fruitful soil does not produce under its present government, enough to pay the taxes of the State.

The Hon. John G. Thompson, Chairman of the Ohio Democratic State Committee has issued the following call:

"In view of what is believed to be an organized conspiracy to defeat the will of the people, as expressed at the ballot box on the 7th of November, in the election of Samuel J. Tilden, of New York, as President, and Thomas A. Hendricks, of Indiana, as Vice President, by a majority of the electoral vote and three hundred thousand majority of the popular vote, the Democracy of Ohio, and all others, without regard to past party differences, who believe that Tilden and Hendricks have been legally elected, are requested to meet in mass convention at Columbus, on Monday, the 8th of January, 1877, at 12 M., to take such action as may be deemed necessary to preserve the purity of the ballot and maintain the rights and liberties of the people."

News of the Week.

STATE NEWS.

Says the Raleigh Observer: Yesterday Prof. Kerr, State Geologist, received a most valuable addition to the State Museum. It consists of the skeleton of a large whale which was captured last May off the coast at Beaufort, this State. The skeleton weighs 4,200 pounds, and when put together will measure 65 feet in length. From the whale was taken 1,600 gallons of oil, and $700 worth of whale bone which was immediately put upon the market. This was the largest whale ever captured off the United States coast.

AIR BRAKES ON THE NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD.—The Westenhouse air brakes have been put on all mail trains on the North Carolina Railroad between Greensboro and Goldsboro. They were put on the trains on the Richmond & Danville Railroad and North Carolina Division of the same, between Richmond and Charlotte, some weeks since. The lives of a good deal of stock have been already saved by means of these brakes, owing to the shortness of time in which a train ban be stopped by them.

A REMARKABLE WOMAN.—Sassafras Fork boasts of a curiosity in the shape of an old woman 108 years old. Her name is Kate Lewis. She is medium size though somewhat bent, dark color with gray hair and not a tooth in her head. She is quick and intelligent, can walk anywhere in the neighborhood, or card and spin all day. She sits in a chair when spinning, because the walking to and from the wheel tires her too much, she says. There seems to be no doubt as to her age. This is a healthy locality.—*Oxford Torchlight.*

Says the Raleigh Observer: In the platform being erected, upon which Governor Z. B. Vance will deliver his inaugural address, is lumber one hundred years old, which was preserved from an old house torn down some time since. The platform will be 100 feet deep by 75 feet wide, arranged for the ladies, and with a capacity for seating 3,500 persons.

The Charlotte Observer learns of the most brutal murder which ever occurred, eight miles from Shelby, last Thursday night. Two noted desperadoes, Pink and James Hawkins, sons of G. Martin Hawkins, went to the house of an old man named Henry Powell, cut his throat from ear to ear, and then dragged his body into the woods near by. At last accounts the murderers had not been arrested.

Hon. Kemp P. Battle, of Raleigh, has resigned the Presidency of the North Carolina State Insurance Company, on account of his duties as President of the University. Mr. F. H. Cameron, Vice President, has been elected to fill the vacancy.

Judge E. J. Warren, of Washington, Beaufort county, President of the N. C. Senate of 1870–71, died at his residence in Washington last week.

Mrs. Jemima Setzer, a grand-niece of Daniel Boone, died at her residence near Lenoir, Caldwell county, on Saturday of last week, aged 91 years.

News Items.

From the Wilmington Star.

New York markets: Gold, 107¼.

Congressman Hewitt testified before Congressional committe as to the opening of his letters.

Public Printer cries for $350,000, or work must cease.

Indiana Democrats are rejoicing over Florida, as it assures Mr. Hendricks' election.

The Radical S. C., Legislature adjourned; Hampton is organizing the county governments.

Democratic Oregon State committee have called meetings throughout the State on January 8th to sustain Governor Grover.

The Supreme Court of Florida met; the counsel for the Board withdrew the motion that he be allowed to answer; the court ordered the Board to recanvass by the 27th.

John J. Davenport, before the House committee in New York, testified; he admitted that large numbers of Republicans went over to the Democrats.

Supreme Court of Florida holds that the duties of the Canvassing Board are strictly ministerial; it ordered the Board to count the 557 rejected votes in Jackson.

Many wrecks are reported on the Scotland coast; one hundred and fifty persons are supposed to have been lost on the coasts of England and Scotland.

The Directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company authorizes the President to make all proper resistance to the demands of Congress in regard to confidential and private papers, and also directed the managers of the company to destroy original copies as soon as possible.

THE CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION.—The attendance at the Centennial Exhibition, compared with international exhibitions of other countries, shows the following:

Exhibition of 1851, at London, number of visitors, 6,39,195, receipts, $2,530,000, days open, 141; Paris, 1855, number of visitors, 5,162,330, receipts, $540,500, days open, 200; London, 1862, number of visitors, 6,211,103, receipts, $2,360,000, days open 131; Paris, 1867, number of visitors, 10,000,000, receipts, $2,822,932, days open 210; Vienna, 1873, number of visitors, 7,254,687, receipts, $2,000,000, days open, 186; Philadelphia, 1876, number of visitors, 9,907,125, receipts, $3,850,000, days open, 159.

An important fact in connection with the above showing is that the aggregate population within seven days travel of the Centennial Exhibition does not exceed 45,000,000, while the aggregate population within seven days travel of either of the other great exhibitions was not far short of 200,000,000.

FLORIDA JUDGES.—Mr. Saltonstall says that all the courts in Florida except the Supreme Court, are in the hands of men of the lowest possible order. For example, the one Circuit Judge who came into the office of the Returning Board day after day, who, when arrested for drunkenness in the streets and committed to the lock-up, bought a writ of habeas corpus, returnable to himself, for the return of his own body. (Roars of laughter.) One gentleman told me that there had been in his county ten murders—murders of white men and of negroes—and not a single one of the perpetrators, though they were all known, was ever brought to court or convicted or in any way punished.

PENNSYLVANIA.—The Democracy of Pennsylvania have issued a patriotic address against the usurpations of the Republican Admistration. They believe Tilden and Hendricks elected, and call for their inauguration. Leading citizens of Philadelphia have petitioned Congress for a fair settlement.

South Carolina.

THE DEMOCRATIC MEMORIAL—CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN HAMPTON AND CHAMBERLAIN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The *Herald's* Columbia dispatch says the Democratic programme of memorializing Congress for its recognition of the Hampton Government, and of otherwise arriving at a peaceful solution of the present complication is being carried out. Gov. Hampton and his advisors were engaged to-day in framing a memorial which, when completed, will be promptly forwarded and presented to both Houses of Congress. In further pursuance of the plan, Governor Hampton to-day made formal demand upon Chamberlain for possession of the Executive Department of the Government. The following are copies of this correspondence between the two Governors.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
COLUMBIA, Dec. 10, 1876.

Sir:—I, as Governor of South Carolina, chosen by the people thereof, have qualified in accordance with the constitution, and hereby call upon you as my predecessor in the office to deliver up to me the great seal of the State together with the possession of the State House, the public records and all other matters and things appertaining to said office.

Respectfully,
Your ob't serv't,
WADE HAMPTON,
Governor.

To D. H. Chamberlain.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
COLUMBIA, Dec. 19, 1876.

Dear Sir:—I have received the communication in which you call upon me to deliver up to you the great seal of the State, etc. I do not recognize in you any right to make the foregoing demand, and I hereby refuse compliance therewith.

I am sir,
Your ob't serv't,
D. H. CHAMBERLAIN,
Governor.

To Wade Hampton, Esq.

The Political Clouds Breaking.

[From the New York Herald of 22d.]

* * * The demagogues and bull-dozers on both sides may try to push their respective parties into a conflict; but we are confident, from our information, that they cannot succeed. The moderate men on both sides will come to the rescue and get the upper hand. They have already the upper hand on the Democratic side, thanks to the admirable bearing and steady wisdom of the Southern members, who are doing as much to atone for the mistake of 1861 and to acquire the confidence of the North in the firmness of their devotion to the public welfare. They are the controlling element in the Democratic party in the House, and their influence is a guarantee for its good behavior. The Southern members are furnishing a shining refutation of the aspersions on their loyalty made during the Presidential campaign.—They have done more in this crisis to restore fraternal harmony between the two great sections of our common country than all other citizens have done since the civil war. Having established this solid title to renewed confidence, let us hope that their section will not be any longer bull-dozed by the Federal Government, and that we may at last "have peace."

We are convinced that their conduct is not only making an excellent impression on the country at large, but is exerting a favorable influence on the wiser and more conservative part of the Republican Senators. The Democratic attitude having become moderate and conciliatory through the conduct of the Southern members of the House, we expect that they will be met half-way by fair-minded Republicans, and that as soon as the present flurry is over we shall enter an "era of good feeling," dating appropriately from the centennial of our independence. If this unprecedented political contest is settled in the manner to which present indications so strongly point we are likely to sail for a time in calmer seas. It may lead ultimately to a break-up and reconstruction of political parties like "the "era of good feeling" in 1820, but the immediate prospect is a quiet administration and a final relief from the controversies and passions inherited from the civil war.

THE ECLECTIC MAGAZINE.—With its current January number, this sterling publication enters upon the twenty-fifth volume of the new series (dating from 1865) and upon its thirty-third year from the commencement of the work; and as most of our readers are probably at this time making up their minds as to what periodicals they will take during the coming year, a few words regarding the special claims of the *Eclectic* may prove both opportune and interesting. The *Eclectic* is unique among the monthly magazines, in that it aims to furnish reading matter of higher character and more permanent value than is contained in the ordinary popular periodicals, while at the same time including features which commend it to all classes of readers. Selecting from the wide field of foreign current literature, it is particularly strong in its departments of science, literary and critical essays, historical studies, biography, and narratives of travel and adventure; and the belles-lettres are represented by the best poetry and fiction that can be procured. As the publisher's prospectus says: "The object of the magazine is to be instructive without being dull, and entertaining without being trivial; each number containing something to interest each member of the family circle, while addressing itself particularly to that great body of intelligent readers who seek profit as well as amusement in solid and healthful literature."

The contents of the January number will indicate the character and variety of the fare which the *Eclectic* spreads monthly before its readers. They are as follows: "The Arctic Regions and the Eskimo;" "Bunsen and his Wife;" "The Laws of Dreams;" "Historic Phrases;" "King Henry's Hunt: a Ballad;" "Secular Change of Climate;" "Turkish Ways and Turkish Women;" "Charlotte Bronte: A Monograph;" "The Astronomy of the Future;" "Cardinal Antonelli;" "The Silent Pool;" "Forgotten Jokes;" "Parrots;" and "A River Song." A fine steel-engraved portrait of Ex-President Woolsey, of Yale College, is accompanied with a brief sketch of his life; and the editorial departments contain copious notes on home and foreign literature, Science, and Art.

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☞ We are indebted to Hon. Wm. M. Robbins, for copies of the Congressional Record.

The Public Debt.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE STATE TREASURER TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
Treasury Department,
RALEIGH, Nov. 28th, 1876.

Hon. Charles Price, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir:—I have received a certified copy of a joint resolution of the General Assembly as follows, to wit: "Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Treasurer of the State be required to report at the earliest practicable moment to what extent there has been a compliance on the part of the creditors of the State with the act passed by the last General Assembly entitled 'an act to compromise, commute and settle the State debt;' and if no exchange of bonds has been made under said act, that he report whether any creditor has tendered any old bonds of the State, and the names of the creditors who have so tendered their old bonds and the amounts, and if the exchange has not been made, why not?"

In responding to this resolution, especially so far as giving the reasons for the failure in the execution of the act, I think it proper to quote from the biennial report of my predecessor, Hon. D. A. Jenkins, the following: "Nothing has been done towards carrying into effect the Act of the General Assembly of 1874–'75, entitled 'An Act to compromise, commute and Settle the State debt,' for several reasons:

First: Very few applications have been made by bondholders for the bonds to be issued under the said act. I learn from various sources that the public creditors, as a rule would decline the proposition of the State. Up to June 24, 1876, there has been only $22,800 offered, calling for $9 030 of bonds. At that date $483,600 more were offered calling for $121,350 of new bonds. The expense of engraving bonds would be considerable, and I did not think it advisable to incur such expense when only about one bond in twenty would be brought in.

Second: The act seems to require that the coupons on the new bonds shall be *signed* by the Treasurer. If this means that the Treasurer shall actually with his own hand affix his signature to every coupon, if the bondholders should accept the offer of the State, there would be a physical impossibility for the Treasurer to execute the law, and at the same time perform the other high and responsible duties of the office. If the act allows the signature of the Treasurer to be engraved, then a large portion of the engraving would be lost as soon as my successor should enter upon the duties. A new signature would then have to be engraved.

Third: These are defects in the law, which would be developed in its execution. There should be $500 bonds as well as those of the denomination of $1,000, and $100, because there will probably be much demand for that denomination of bonds.—The issue of so many $100 bonds will be burdensome both to the holder and the Treasury.

Again, no provision is made for fractional amounts, and in case even one coupon dated January 1st, 1869, or subsequent thereto, should be lacking from a bond, there is no authority for issuing a new bond in exchange therefor on any terms. As the coupons of the new bonds are to be receivable for taxes, according to the present provisions of the act, it is of the utmost importance that there shall be no question as to the legality of every step taken.

On the whole, it seemed to me clear, that it was my duty to defer the matter until the meeting of the General Assembly.—I recommend that the act be amended in the foregoing particulars. It is proper to add that the course taken by myself, as suggested by the views above given, received the sanction of the Governor and Attorney General, whom I consulted."

I am unable to furnish the names of all persons who made tenders of bonds for exchange, as in some cases clients were represented by attorneys in this city, whose names were not reported.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. M. WORTH,
State Treasurer.

General Grant said on the 24th that he had no knowledge of any Democratic armed conspiracy. There were organized rifle companies in the Southern States outside of the militia, but he had no fears of a collision. The reports of the Committees would show the real result of the electoral vote, and he thought the people would be made satisfied by a fair count.—He expressed the opinion that the President elect might take the oath of office immediately after the declaration of the electors, though, of course, he could not enter upon his duties until the 4th of March. A message will be sent to Congress shortly in regard to sending troops South.—*N. Y. Herald.*

LIPPINCOTT'S MAGAZINE for January opens with an illustrated article on Spain, by Edward King, descriptive chiefly of the quaint customs and amusing types of character that still characterize provincial life in the country of Don Quixote. "Our Floor of Fire" is the title of another illustrated paper, in which the phenomena and operation of volcanic eruptions are depicted and explained, according to the most recent observations and theories of scientific explorers. Mr. Earl Shinn, the distinguished art critic, has a paper on "Phidias and his Predecessors," full of information and subtile remark on the history and characteristics of Greek sculpture, with vivid descriptions of the Elfin marbles and other existing specimens. "The Young Man who went West," presents in a half-comic, half-serious light the claims of California to be regarded as the typical American State. A short article on "Unquiet Graves," by Marie Howland, gives an account of the strange vicissitudes that have befallen the remains of many celebrated persons, and suggests some conclusions in reference to the practice of cremation. Lady Barker's "Letters from South Africa" are concluded in this number, as is also the serial story of "Love in Idleness," which has entertained many readers during the past six months. "The Marquis of Lossie" is still in progress, with no falling off in power or interest; and there is a short story by Rev. William M. Baker, author of "The New Timothy." The poetry of the number includes an "Evening Song," by Sidney Lanier, which has been set to music by Dudley Buck; and some translations by Emma Lazarus, from the French of Francois Coppee. In the Gossip, Mrs. Hooper has a capital letter describing the great auction sales in Paris; Mr. Taollope recounts a visit to the home of Giorgione; and Mrs. Feudge celebrates in glowing language, the beauty and musical talents of the Nautch girls, and the marvels of an operatic exhibition in Malay. The present number begins the new volume of this popular Magazine, which we commend as one of the most attractive illustrated monthlies published.

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H. W. SHORE, P. M.

SUNNY SIDE for sale. See advertisement.

"CHRISTMAS GIFT,—now I've caught you," sounds from every quarter.

FRANKLIN STOVES for sale. Enquire at this office.

THE MAYOR granted boys permission to explode fire-crackers on Christmas day, between certain hours.

REV. F. H. JOHNSON has removed from Lexington, to take charge of the Presbyterian Church in Winston.

OUR CITIZENS have a new excitement in the shape of a hand organ and Centennial panorama show, with which to while away an idle hour.

☞ NEW *CALICOES, JEANS.—WATER-PROOF GOODS—SHOES and BOOTS,*—Just received at *WOMMACK & CO'S.*

A *COLLECTION* will be taken in the Moravian Church next Sunday morning for benefit of the Missions on the Mosquito Coast, which have suffered severely by recent hurricanes.

THE CONCERT which was to have been given by the Salem Sunday School on Monday night, was, owing to unfavorable weather, postponed until Friday night.

THE REV. MR. GWALTNEY, pastor of the Winston Baptist Church, will in future make his home permanently in Winston, holding divine service every second Sunday. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening.

THE FAIR at the Court House on last Thursday and Friday nights, for benefit of the Methodist Protestant Parsonage, was a success we are pleased to learn, in every respect.

THE HOLIDAY weather, so far, has been somewhat inclement, yet from all appearances, indoor amusements have proved quite enjoyable, and everything has the appearance of the festive season.

ON SUNDAY morning last, we arose to find the ground robed with the white mantel of our 8th snow, the fleecy flakes still falling, covering the ground to a depth of 6 inches before night, rendering walking difficult and disagreeable.

ALL MEMBERS of the Young Men's Missionary Society are earnestly requested to meet at the Reading Rooms on this, Thursday evening, at 7½ o'clock P. M., as business of importance will be transacted and a full attendance desired.

BY REQUEST, we are pleased to state that the citizen who had such an unsuccessful race after his run-away turkey, succeed in capturing the bird in time for his Christmas dinner.

THE BOYS intended taking "Old Tip" out on a promenade Christmas night, but owing to the ill health of the old gent they refrained from so doing.

THE MERRY JINGLE OF SLEIGH BELLS, have for the past few days been quite common, many of our citizens taking advantage of this opportunity to enjoy a Christmas sleigh-ride.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.—The Sunday morning's service in the Moravian Church will be held at the regular hour 10 A. M. At 8 o'clock in the evening, the *Memorabilia* will be read, and at half-past eleven the *watch-meeting* will commence. Services, Monday (New Year's Day) at 10 o'clock, A. M.

DELAY.—Owing to the freezing and bursting of the pumps on the R. R. engine which was stationed at this depot on Sunday evening, the departure of our regular train was delayed until 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, having to await the arrival of another engine from Greenboro. The train was several hours behind time on Tuesday night.

THE QUESTION now asked daily, is: "Are you going to the Inauguration of the 'Old Hero,' Z. B. Vance at Raleigh, on Monday, the 1st day of January?" It will certainly, according to the papers of that city, be a grand affair, not to be surpassed by anything which has as yet been held in the "Old North State," every possible preparation having been made to render the occasion pleasant to all visitors.

THE CONCERT at the Female Academy on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20th, was well attended. The programme, which was published last week, was good.

The Young Ladies acquitted themselves well, in all the different parts of the exercises. The Chapel was beautifully decorated for the occasion, in true Christmas style.

IN a letter from a young friend, formerly of this vicinity, we learn that he is well pleased with Texas and is about purchasing a farm.—For the information of his friends he states the prices of cotton at from 9 to 11 cents; corn 20 to 25 cents per bushel; Wheat, $1.20 per bushel, and land from $3 to $5 per acre. The average yield in the vicinity of Farmersville, Collin County, was 55 bushels of corn to the acre, and a little more than a bale of cotton to the acre.

CONSIDERABLE COMPLAINT has been raised against the unsafe condition of the bridge which spans Muddy Creek, at Sides' Mill, Davidson County. We are informed that it has been reported by the overseer to the County Commissioners, who feign for an excuse that county cannot afford the erection of a new bridge. Some are of the opinion that this is not the reason, but that a feeling of jealousy is existing on account of the vast amount of trade that finds it's way by this means to Salem and Winston, which, without said crossing, would be compelled to seek other markets within the county.

Distribution of the School Funds in Forsyth county for the year 1876, as follows:

		White.	Colored.
Belew's Creek Township,		$320.60	$135.80
Salem Chapel,	"	308.00	91.00
Bethania	"	392.00	143.40
Old Richmond	"	278.60	44.80
Kernersville	"	445.20	163.80
Middle Fork	"	410.20	102.20
Old Town	"	420.00	86.80
Vienna	"	345.80	96.60
Abbott's Creek	"	345.80	35.80
Broad Bay	"	425.60	
South Fork	"	639.89	65.86
Lewisville	"	299.60	82.60
Winston	"	952.00	389.20

THE DECORATIONS IN THE MORAVIAN CHURCH, are very fine and appropriate, a credit to the good taste of the young ladies and gents, who generously devoted their time to the work.

Festoons of Cedar, Box, Spruce Pine, and Laurel, fell gracefully from the ceiling over the pulpit and Desk, embracing the gas brackets on either side, the lamp stands on each side of the reading desk, being beautifully wrapped with cedar, while the pillars supporting the galleries were beautifully entwined with box. The well-known inscription "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH, PEACE, GOOD WILL TO MEN," appeared in evergreen letters on the North and South Galleries as well as in front of the organ. The gas brackets were adorned with box and cedar, giving the Church a very attractive appearance.

The pulpit was filled on Sunday morning, by Rev. Mr. Wurrescke, who delivered an interesting sermon, selecting for his text the 45th chapter of Isaiah, and 15th verse.

In the afternoon at half-past four the usual children's love-feast was held, but owing to the snow storm, quite a number of the little folks were prevented from attending. In the evening the congregation love-feast was very well attended, the music by the choir excellent, and all present seemed to enjoy the festive occasion.

The service Monday morning at 10 A. M., (Christmas Day,) was conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Oerter, who delivered an exceedingly appropriate sermon, taking his text from the 22nd chapter of the Book of Revelations, and the latter clause of the 16th verse: "I am the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning star.

Corruption in our national affairs has the same effect on the Government that a severe cough or cold has upon the human system. Political reform in the former and Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup in the latter case will remedy the evils. At the druggist's 25 cents.

Mr. James A. Harris, near Mooresville, killed three hogs weighing 1800 pounds—an average of 600 pounds each No more pigs weighing three or four hundred. They were but fifteen months old.

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Notice.—Application will be made to the General Assembly, now in session, for Amendments to the Act of Incorporation, (or Charter) of the town of Salem, by

AUGUSTUS FOGLE, *Mayor.*

Salem, N. C. Nov. 25th, 1876.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank, of Salem, will be held at their banking house in Salem, on Tuesday the 9th of January next, at 3 o'clock P. M.

W. A. LEMLY, *Cashier.*

Salem N. C. Dec. 10th, 1876.

Scarcity of Money.

There is no doubt but the present condition of all kinds of business and industry is fearfully depressed, and it behooves every family to look carefully to their expenses. Winter is coming on, when children are liable to Croup, Whooping Cough, etc. Coughs and Colds will prevail everywhere, and Consumption with other throat and lung diseases, will carry off many. These diseases should not be neglected. Doctor's bills are expensive, and we would advise our people to use BOSCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP. It never has failed. One bottle at 75 cents will keep your family well during the winter. Two doses will relieve any case. Sold in all towns in the United States, and by DR. V. O. THOMPSON, and S. H. SMITH, Druggists, Winston, N. C.

LOT NEW CALICOES just received at WOMMACK & CO'S

MARRIED,

In Lexington, on Thursday evening, Dec. 21st., at the residence of Mr. Jacob Sowers, by the Rev. Mr. Martin, Miss MAGGIE WINKLER, formerly of this place, to Mr. JOHN BROWN, of Davidson County.

In Winston, on Tuesday morning, Dec. 19th, by Rev. J. F. Heitman, Mr. WM. ESTES, of Stokes to Miss SADIE MARTIN, of Winston.

In this county, by Rev. Samuel Long, Mr. ALBERT HARMON to Miss REBECCA BROWN.

DIED,

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THE MARKETS.

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BACON AND LARD;	
Western Sides,	11 to 12
Country,	12½ to 14
Shoulders,	11 o 12½
Hams,	15 to 18
Lard,	12 to 15
GRAIN:	
Corn,	60 to 65
Wheat,	$1 10 to 1 20
Oats,	50 to 60
Flour (per 100 lbs.)	2 50 to 3 00
Meal, " " "	2 00 to 2 25
Chops, " " "	1 50 to 1 75
Rice, Carolina,	10 to 12
Flax Seed (per bushel,)	125 to 0 00
PRODUCE:	
Apples, green,	0 50 to 0 00
Eggs,	12 to 15
Butter,	20 to 25
Feathers,	50 to 60
Beeswax,	25 to 30
Potatoes, Sweet,	00 to 0 50
" Irish,	40 to 60
Hay,	40 to 50
GROCERIES:	
Coffee,	25 to 30
Sugar,	10 to 12½
Molasses, dark,	30 to 40
" syrup,	60 to 85
Salt, coarse, (per sack)	1 40 to 1 50
" fine, dairy " "	2 15 to 2 20
Soda, English,	5½ to 10
Black Pepper, sifted,	30 to 40
Alspice,	30 to 40
Cheese, old country,	18 to 20
Candy, in box.	15 to 15½
Higgins' Soap, per bar,	8½ to 10
Armstrongs' Soap, per bar,	7 to 10
OILS:	
Lamp Oil,	40 to 50
Linseed,	1 15 to 1 25
Sweet,	1 25 to 0 00
Castor,	0 00 to 0 00
Machine,	1 25 to 3 00
NAILS AND IRON:	
Old Dominion, 10d,	3 65
" " 8d,	3 90
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" " 4d,	4 40
Hammered iron,	5½ to 6
Moulds,	6 to 6½
Tire,	3½ to 4
LEATHER AND HIDES:	
Sole,	26½ to 30
Upper,	40 to 75
Harness,	37 to 40
Hides, dry,	8 to 10
" green,	5
LUMBER AND SHINGLES:	
Heart Fine Lumber,	1 50
Ordinary "	1 25
Long Leaf Pine Shingles,	4 50 to 5 00
Hoop Poles,	3 to 4
YARNS AND SHEETINGS:	
Fries' Yarns,	95 to 1 00
" Sheeting, A	8
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" Cotton Batting per dozen,	2 25

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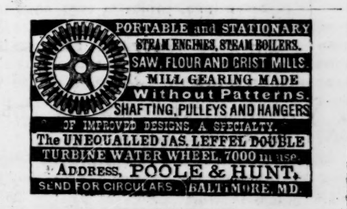
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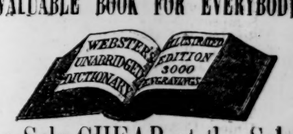

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